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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR
DELIVERY OF A-4 AIRCRAFT TO KUWAIT

REF: (A) STATE 075404; (B) ATHENS 3194; (C)
ANKARA 2597

1. DEPT HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BOTH SKYWAYS AND U.S.
NAVAL OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE REASONS FOR ROUTING THROUGH
GREEK AIRSPACE WITH TRANSFER TO KUWAITI PILOTS AT
INCIRLIK. BOTH SKYWAYS AND NAVY STATED THAT COMMON
PRACTICE IS TO USE CLOSEST US AIRBASE IN ORDER TO
PROVIDE PROPER MAINTENANCE AND GROUND SUPPORT ALONG
ROUTE. ROUTING SELECTED AFFORDS BEST SCHEDULING OF
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STOPS BASED ON THIS PREFERENCE TO USE US BASES. INCIRLIK
DESTINATION SELECTED BECAUSE KUWAITI OFFICIALS REQUESTED
THAT ITS PILOTS FLY LAST LEG OF FLIGHT INTO KUWAIT.

2. SKYWAYS OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT SKYWAY AIR
CREWS (EX-NAVY PILOTS) ARE FULLY AWARE OF SPECIAL
PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN CHOSEN ROUTE AND WILL ABIDE BY ALL

PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO DOD AIRCRAFT OPERATION ALONG
PROPOSED ROUTES.

3. ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN
APPROVAL, DEPT FEELS THAT LOW KEY PRESENTATION IS
REQUIRED IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF SUCH FLIGHTS ARE
FEASIBLE. REFUSAL BY EITHER GOG OR GOT PROVIDES SKYWAYS,
NAVY AND KUWAITIS BASIS FOR RENEGOTIATION OF DELIVERY
CONTRACT WITH MINIMUM DIFFICULTY.

4. FOR ATHENS AND ANKARA: PLEASE MAKE OVERFLIGHT
REQUEST AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY ACCORDING TO
ROUTING INFORMATION FURNISHED DIRECTLY BY SKYWAYS. WE
UNDERSTAND SKYWAYS HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED ROUTING TO
EMBASSIES.

5. FOR KUWAIT: PLEASE DETERMINE IF GOK HAS CONTACTED
TURKS TO SECURE PERMISSION TO ACCEPT PLANES AT
INCIRLIK, AND IF KUWAITI PILOTS WILL BE AT INCIRLIK
WITHIN THREE DAYS OF PLANES ARRIVAL THERE (APRIL 23-24).

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